## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
WILLIAM F. CROWELL	)	WT Docket No. 08-20
Application to Renew License for Amateur Radio Service Station W6WBJ	) ) )	FCC File No. 0002928684
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To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Attn: Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel

## ENFORCEMENT BUREAU'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE

- 1. On March 30, 2017, the Presiding Judge directed William F. Crowell (Crowell) and the Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) to produce by 3:00 pm eastern time on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, a copy of "all emails and correspondence between Crowell and the Enforcement Bureau" since January 2000, organized in chronological order. For the reasons set forth below, the Acting Chief, Enforcement Bureau, through his attorneys, respectfully requests an extension to comply with this directive.
- 2. During the last seventeen (17) years, there have been numerous communications between Crowell and Bureau employees, including not only with hearing staff but also with many employees of the Bureau's Region 3 (formerly referred to as the Bureau's Western Region) field office. The Bureau has some of these documents in hand and has begun to organize them for the Presiding Judge. Upon issuance of *Order*, 17M-15, counsel for the Bureau contacted Ms. Lancaster and Ms. Hirselj, former counsel of record for the Bureau in this case;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order, FCC 17M-15 (ALJ, rel. Mar. 30, 2017).

the Bureau's Field Director and Field Counsel; and the current employees of the Bureau's Region 3 Field Office to request that they each review their current and archived files for any responsive correspondence. In addition, the Bureau is in the process of identifying any former Bureau employees who are still at the Commission who may have corresponded with Crowell during the relevant time period and ask that they too conduct a search of these files. Merely identifying the complete roster of those employees may take several days.

- 3. In addition, for the Bureau to fully comply with the Presiding Judge's *Order*, it will need to identify former Bureau employees who have left the Commission who may have corresponded with Crowell during the relevant time period, in addition to Mr. W. Riley Hollingsworth. After speaking with the Commission's Office of Managing Director, the Bureau understands that it is possible to restore emails from former Commission employees, although it will depend on when the employee left the Commission. However, it is unlikely that the Bureau will be able to obtain emails from the entire relevant period because emails are only archived for a period of three years. Even if the Bureau limits its search to people who have only recently left the Commission (*e.g.*, during last year's reorganization of the Bureau's field offices), it could take several weeks to restore their emails before they could be searched. The Bureau cannot estimate how long it may take to search those emails until they are restored.
- 4. For these reasons, the Bureau respectfully requests leave to produce responsive documents to the Presiding Judge on a rolling basis, beginning on April 11, 2017, with each individual production organized chronologically. The Bureau expects to be able to complete any such rolling production no later than May 16, 2017. The Bureau respectfully requests further guidance from the Presiding Judge on how to proceed.

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pamela S. Kane certifies that she has on this 31st day of March, 2017, sent copies of the foregoing "ENFORCEMENT BUREAU'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE" via email to:

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